



INCIDENT REPORT

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INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
EMERGENCY RESPONSE SECTION

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Incident Number: 2009-06-195

County: Vigo

Priority Level: 2

ER Staff: Jason Sewell

Spill Type: Spill

SARA Title III Release: No

Referred To: EPA REGION 5

Incident Date/Time:	Notification Date/Time: 06/29/2009 10:34:57
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Source Information		Reporter Information	
Source Name: TANGENT RAIL Contact Name: MIKE GOELLER		Reporter Name: ANONYMOUS Contact Name:	
Street Address: 2525 Praireton Road City/State/ZIP: Terre Haute, IN		Street Address: City/State/ZIP: ,	
Mailing Address: City/State/ZIP: ,		Mailing Address: City/State/ZIP: ,	
Office Phone (888)232-2384	Mobile Phone	Office Phone	Mobile Phone
Fax	Pager	Fax	Pager

Source Type: Industrial Circumstances: Unknown	Reported By: Private Citizen Environmental Consequence: Water Quality Violation
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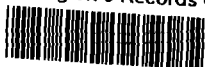
Investigation Performed By: ERS - Field Response

Spill Location Information	
Location: 75 YARDS NW OF INTERSECTION: SR63 AND W HONEY CREEK DR	
City/State/ZIP: TERRE HAUTE, IN	Affected Area: RIVER BANK, UNK UNDERGROUND
Incident/Area Description: COMPLAINT - RR TIE TREATING DISCHARGING COAL TAR TO WABASH R	
Water Affected? No	Receiving Water: *WABASH RIVER
Public Drinking Water Intake: UNK	

Material Information	
Material Name: COAL TAR	Quantity:
Other Information:	

Notification/Contacts	
Name/Agency: DNR /	Date/Time:
Comments:	Telephone: (-) - X

EPA Region 5 Records Ctr.



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Notification/Contacts

Name/Agency: JEFF CROWLEY, OSC / US EPA
Comments: REFERRED TO

Date/Time:
Telephone: ()- X

Name/Agency: VERNETTA SIMON, OSC / US EPA
Comments: TAKING OVER SITE FROM CROWLEY

Date/Time:
Telephone: ()- X

IDEM Personnel

Name/Agency: William Myers/Underground Storage Tank Compl
Comments: ACCOMPANIED

Date / Time:
Telephone: (317)308-3037

Comments / Addendum

IDEM ER received complaint call from anonymous caller. Caller says he was boating on Wabash River by Terre Haute when he witnessed coal tar coming from a seam at Tangent Rail's property and discharging down the banks into the Wabash River. Caller says the location was near Honey Creek Rd and was only visible from the river. Caller says he used to work at Tangent Rail and is familiar with what coal tar looks like. Caller does not think the material is washing off stored railroad ties (Tangent Rail's products), but would have occurred from dumping of coal tar at some point. Caller was familiar with such bad practices in the past 30 years. Caller says material is coming from a seam in the ground/river bank.

Sewell responded to location. A black, coal tar like substance, was seeping out of a distinct elevation along Wabash River, just 75 yards or so North and West of the intersection of SR63 and Honey Creek (Honey Creek mall back entrance). The material was emerging from the substrate as a thick liquid and flowing down the bank and into Wabash River. Near the interface with water, the material seem to be getting more solid.

Sewell requested assistance from US EPA OSC Jeff Crowley to address a removal action with Tangent Rail. Sewell, Myers (IDEM) and Crowley returned on 7-7-09 for Crowley to inspect area. Crowley, Sewell, Myers met with Tangent Rail representatives to discuss spill and response actions. Crowley accompanied Tangent Rail officials to area to assess. Tangent Rail advised their facitliy was also involved in IDEM Voluntary Remediation cleanup.

Site is referred to US EPA for oversight. Vernetta Simon, US EPA, has taken over as lead on site from Crowley, EPA.